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Sounds good to me, John. I recommend that we consider including our respective government affairs and public relations staff attend the call as well.

Bob

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John,
I would agree with a conference call.
Thank you.
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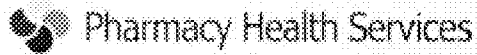
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On 10/31/2016 10:46 AM, Gray, John wrote:

The Washington Post published this morning an op-ed, "Is the DEA Partly to Blame for the Opioid Epidemic," in which the Washington Post calls for a congressional investigation into the relationship between DEA and industry, particularly wholesalers. This is a follow-up to the articles published by the Post last week and the two Senate letters that were sent to DOJ.

HDA has numerous hill meetings scheduled this week and is in regular communication with hill staff regarding the activity from last week.

This is NOT a good editorial for the industry. It appears we are headed toward Congressional Hearings on this issue. HDA is beginning to prepare for such an event. The key issue to consider is what is the appropriate response by the organization. We have been silent with the media on this issue as per member request essentially since the suspicious order problem began. It may be time to reconsider that approach.

My suggestion is to convene an Executive Committee conference call to discuss next steps. Please let me know if you agree with this suggestion.

John

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